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Democratic U.S. Rep. Betty McCollum received a death threat on Wednesday over her amendment to a spending bill to end Pentagon funding for NASCAR, Talking Points Memo reports. McCollum's amendment would strip \$7 million that goes to NASCAR annually to advertise the U.S. Army. McCollum said in tough economic times that money should be spent on veterans.

According to TPM, McCollum's office called Capitol security after receiving a flier that said, "Yo, Slut Betty, Shut Your Phucking Pie Hole!" and "without exception, Marxists are enemies of the Constitution, Death To All Marxists, Foreign And Domestic!"

McCollum's office told TPM that most of the opposition to her amendment has come from southern states, not Minnesota.

"We've heard innumerable times that the Republicans were elected to send a message from the people that we should stop spending money," Chief of Staff Bill Harper said. "And yet the people who sent that message want us to spend \$7 million for a sticker on a NASCAR."

During the debate over health care reform last spring, McCollum's office received a number of death threats.